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THE FRG

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1. BONN'S STREETS WERE LINED WITH RWANDAN FLAGS ON
THE OCCASION OF RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S STATE
VISIT TO THE FRG FROM MARCH 14-18. THE FRG TREATED THE
PRESIDENT OF ITS FORMER EAST AFRICAN COLONY TO FULL
STATE HONORS AND, ALTHOUGH NEARLY DEVOID OF SUBSTANTIVE
DEVELOPMENTS, THE VISIT WAS VIEWED FROM BOTH SIDES AS
A GREAT SUCCESS.

2. HABYARIMANA'S BUSY SCHEDULE INCLUDED A LUNCH WITH
PRESIDENT SCHEEL, A TWO-HOUR TALK WITH CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT, AND LENGTHY MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION SCHLEI ON A
VARIETY OF TOPICS. WITH THE CHANCELLOR, HABYARIMANA
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EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL INSTABILITY IN
CENTRAL AFRICA AUGURED BY THE RECENT EVENTS IN ZAIRE.
HE ALSO SAID HE WAS WORRIED THAT SOVIET INFLUENCE IN
AFRICAN AFFAIRS WOULD GROW UNLESS THE WEST FOUND A
PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM. WITH
OTHERS, HABYARIMANA WAS QUITE FREE WITH HIS PRAISE FOR
THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN RWANDA AND THE FRG. HE

WAS OPENLY GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS ECONOMIC AID PROVIDED BY HIS HOSTS AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS THE FRG'S "FREE MARKET ECONOMY" WHICH MADE THAT AID POSSIBLE.

3. LITTLE MENTION WAS MADE OF THE SOMETIMES SENSITIVE PRESENCE OF THE DEUTSCHE WELLE TRANSMITTER IN RWANDA. THE FOREIGN OFFICE DID NOT ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION ABOUT IT AND HABYARIMANA HIMSELF QUIETLY DISCOURAGED PLANS FOR A LARGE RECEPTION IN HIS HONOR BY DEUTSCHE WELLE, DECLINING TO BE OPENLY FETED BY AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS CAUSED HIM TO BECOME THE SUBJECT OF SOME CRITICISM BY OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE FINDINGS OF THE SPECIAL DELEGATION HE SENT TO UGANDA RECENTLY, HABYARIMANA COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD NOT CRITICIZE AMIN BECAUSE THE SITUATION IN UGANDA WAS FAR FROM CLEAR.

5. DURING HIS TALKS IN THE MINISTERIES, HABYARIMANA DISCUSSED THE FRG'S PROJECTED AID FOR RWANDA. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, RWANDA CAN EXPECT APPROXIMATELY DM 11 MILLION IN TECHNICAL AID NEXT FISCAL YEAR, DM 30 MILLION IN CAPITAL AID OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, AND IN ADDITION, A GRANT OF DM 3 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATION. FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THESE ALLOCATIONS IS EXPECTED IN JUNE OR JULY.

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6. AFTER LEAVING BONN ON MARCH 16, HABYARIMANA VISITED BERLIN FOR TWO DAYS, REPORTEDLY ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED THERE BY THE FRG AMBASSADOR TO KIGALI, FREUND, AND AN OFFICIAL FROM THE PROTOCOL SECTION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

7. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BEEN PRESSING FOR SUCH A STATE VISIT FROM RWANDA FOR MANY MONTHS, ONLY TO HAVE IT PUSHED ASIDE BY MORE URGENT VISITS. THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE VISIT OF HUNGARIAN PARTY LEADER KADAR (BONN 2115 AND 3012) PROVIDED A GAP IN THE VISITS TO BONN SCHEDULE AND THE RWANDANS WERE OVERJOYED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF FILLING IT, IN SPITE OF THE SHORT NOTICE.

8. THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY THE LACK OF ANY RECIPROCAL RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE RWANDANS DURING THE VISIT. AS HABYARIMANA EXPLAINED, HE DID NOT FIND IT APPROPRIATE TO SPEND "SCARCE AID MONEY" TO HOST A LAVISH RECEPTION IN BONN.

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